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BARN QUOTA OF TOBACCO
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers growing tobacco in Andhra Pradesh are getting a less quota for their barns as compared to Karnataka though they are growing the same varieties of tobacco;

(b) if so, the reasons for the disparity in fixing the barn quota between Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka growers;

(c) whether Tobacco Board proposes to fix higher quota to the NBS / CBS / SLS farmers by monitoring the utilisation of tobacco as the quota is not viable for the cultivation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. The varieties of tobacco grown in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka are not comparable. The Production Committee of the Tobacco Board fixes the soil region-wise barn quota on the basis of the requirement projected by the trade and industry. In the year 2002-03, some regions of Andhra Pradesh got a higher quota than that of Karnataka while others got a lower quota.

(c) & (d) The Tobacco Board will continue to fix the barn quota for each soil region including NBS, CBS & SLS as per projected requirements of the trade and industry.